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## **Community Connect Awards – Utah**

### **2007 Grant Awards:**

**Smith Bagley, Inc. DBA CellularOne**

**Navajo Mountain, Utah**

**Grant Amount: \$205,416**

**Contact: Brian Gilbert, (928) 537-0690**

**County: San Juan**

Rural Development funds will be used to build a wireless network in Navajo Mountain, Utah. The ten computers will be located in the Navajo Mountain Chapter House, which currently houses public meetings, the Navajo Nation Land Administration, the senior center, Department of Employment and training, the Department of Behavioral Health, and the Boys and Girls Club.

### **2005 Grant Awards:**

**The Fellowship for Strengthening the Future of Families**

**Hanksville, UT**

**Grant Amount: \$512,655**

**Contact: Connie Foutz, (435) 542-3238**

**County: Wayne**

In this community of 250 people, citizens are challenged by many economic barriers due to the rural location and lack of technology. The funds from this grant will provide construction of a wireless broadband network and provide free broadband access to critical facilities including town building, EMT, Bureau of Land Management, LDS Church, Utah Department of Transportation, fire department, elementary school, health clinic, and police department. Hanksville will also create and operate a community center that will provide public access points, free broadband access, an e-commerce incubator for small businesses, distance learning, and e-work job training opportunities for residents.

### **2004 Grant Awards:**

**Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association**

**Randlett, Utah**

**Grant Amount: \$733,193**

**Contact: Bruce Todd, 435-622-5007**

**County: Uintah**

Randlett, UT, with a population of 224, will receive DSL-based services from new and existing fiber optic and twisted pair cabling and electronics from Uintah Basin



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Telecommunications Association with this RUS grant. The new high-speed network will ensure that public safety personnel have access to online training and data sources, and will increase community interaction through both local and Internet-based bulletin boards. Connections to the community center, Head Start, and residents' homes will increase the availability of distance learning opportunities from Utah State University and other entities.

## **2003 Grant Awards:**

### **UBTA-UBET Communications;**

**Myton, Utah**

**Grant Amount: \$556,685**

**Contact: Bruce H. Todd, 435-646-5007**

**County: Duchesne**

Myton, Utah is a very small, rural and economically under-developed community. UBTA-UBET Communication will extend DSL-based services within the community, extending DSL service to residents, businesses, and critical community facilities. In the community center, 10 computers will be linked to the Internet and made available for public use. Participants include the elementary school, the Conamore School - for children with disabilities, the city library and the fire department. All of these will work to improve economic opportunity, community safety, and open new doors for educational development.

## **2002 Grant Awards:**

### **Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc.**

**Altamont, Utah**

**Grant Amount: \$104,708**

**Contact: Mr. Nelson Burton (435) 646-5007**

**County: Duchesne Funds**

The Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc. (UBTA) plans to extend DSL based services to the residents, businesses, and community facilities of Altamont. The community-oriented connectivity grant and matching funds will be used to fund infrastructure, community center, internet costs, and operating costs. The rural community of Altamont is very small and economically under developed. UBTA will provide broadband services and benefits to approximately 178 residents and initially connect the schools, clinic, community center, fire and police facilities of the area. These benefits include enhanced educational opportunities; increased social and community interaction; improved emergency services; and better medical services.



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**Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc.**

**Whiterocks, Utah**

**Grant Amount: \$363,677**

**Contact: Mr. Nelson Burton (435) 646-5007**

**County: Uintah**

The community of Whiterocks is a very small, rural, and under developed. The population of Whiterocks is 341 and consists of approximately 96 percent Native Americans. Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc. (UBTA) intends to provide the basic infrastructure to bring advanced telecommunications services to the area, improve the quality of life, and enhance the infrastructure to enhance economic development. The community-oriented connectivity grant and matching funds will be used to fund infrastructure, community center, internet costs, and operating costs. The initial connections will be the community center, a business, a Head-Start facility, and post office. The construction of this project will facilitate UBTA's efforts to collaborate with the Northern Ute tribe to extend service to the tribe.

**Skyline Telecom, Inc.**

**Goshute Indian Tribe Reservation, Utah;**

**Grant Amount: \$850,820**

**Contact Person: Steven J. Clark, 435-427-0561**

**Counties Served: Juab and Tooele**

The applicant will use Grant funds to provide broadband connectivity to the Goshute Indian Tribe Reservation located in Skull Valley. The tribe consists of 127 members and is the most isolated tribe of Native Americans in the country. The applicant will install approximately 58 miles of fiber optic cable along with purchasing and installing various computer equipment/software. Completion of this project will enable enhanced health care services, bringing doctors and nurses to the reservation for health care on a regular basis. Broadband connectivity will allow adult members to further their education; public safety departments will be able to access databases in obtaining vital law enforcement aids for public safety and produce additional jobs.